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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON

1. MR. J.S. BAIJAL, JOINT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHO IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS WITH THE US AND CANADA WILL VISIT WASHINGTON AUGUST 4 AND THE MORNING OF AUGUST 5 FOLLOWING HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WITH CANADA. WHILE HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE IN VISITING WASHINGTON IS TO TALK TO THE EXPORT IMPORT BANK, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IF HE COULD MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY COOPER, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEINTRAUB.

2. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE ANY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BUT BELIEVE A GENERAL REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING BI-LATERAL ISSUES AND MULTI-LATERAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS IDA REPLENISHMENT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL. WE HAVE FOUND BAIJAL EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE ON ALL ISSUES BUT UNLIKE KRISHNASWAMI, HIS PREDECESSOR, HE HAS LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE WITH THE U.S. HIS BACKGROUND IS PRIMARILY IN INDIAN STATE FINANCIAL MATTERS AND, MORE
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RECENTLY, WITH EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

3. BAIJAL'S PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IS BEING HANDLED BY RAM-
AKRISHNA AND ALL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH
HIM.
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